

NEWS FROM ALL OVER IMPERIAL MISSOURI

Interesting Happenings Which Have Taken Place in the Greatest State in the Union.
The Product of the Scissors, the Pen and a Little Actual Labor

The snake that swallowed an artificial egg has been killed again over in Ray county.

In refuting the early bird theory, the Anderson News-Review mentions that some worms get wise.

J. N. Kier, of Stanberry, who has helped bury the dead of that place since Stanberry was a town, says he dug 50 graves during 1915.

Wary of accepting circumstantial evidence the Louisiana Press-Journal wants to know who saw the groundhog when the groundhog saw its shadow.

Former Lieut. Gov. Charles P. Johnson, of St. Louis, recently passed his 80th birthday and is still hale and vigorous. He attributes his vigor to the daily drinking of buttermilk.

Fayette patients may now get their cold storage medicines at home, a local drug store having added a "biological" refrigerator to its fixtures.

Dr. N. D. Davis, a veterinary surgeon of Bolivar, died Friday from injuries suffered in a leap from a third story window of a hospital after an attack of poisoning. Doctor Davis was a wealthy stockman.

Among the suggestions for making Ash Grove a better town, a reader of the Commonwealth suggests that a brass band is good for funerals.

A two pound baby girl has been making her home since the 27th of January with Mr. and Mrs. Dyke LeGor of Winslow, Neb. The mother was formerly Miss Ethel King of this city.—Cameron Sun.

Twenty-one years of married life proved quite enough for Mrs. Tarr of Centra and she sued for divorce. No mention in the news story is made of a Tarr baby.

Mrs. Sallie Drake, who died at Rochepot the other day, left a will leaving \$1,000 each to eight brothers, sisters and nieces, and only \$1 to her husband.

Judge Calverd has overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of Pansy Burns, convicted of making a gun play at M. K. & T. conductor John Wrightman. Pansy is now blooming in the county jail while the wintry blasts are howling outside.

An auctioneer who patronizes the advertising columns of the Rothville Bee is considered so indispensable to the community that he gets favorable mention editorially as a "crying necessity."

When there was a light fall of hay with the snow at Butler the other day, the Democrat explained that the phenomenon was to be attributed to the tornado which devastated parts of Oklahoma a few hours before.

Randolph county realizes that the county poor farm system is a disgrace and it is proposed to sell the 160-acre farm and buy 40 acres nearer town, between Moberly and Huntsville and build on it a modern infirmary with light, water and heat.

It may be a slight exaggeration, but the College Mound correspondent of the Macon Times-Democrat says that of a religious denomination there all of the members were so poor that if one of them chanced to get hold of a dollar he at once asked the other members of the congregation to pray that he might remain humble.

One dollar and twenty-five cents an acre for land worth several hundred times as much was the bargain a Grundy county man got from the government when he patented recently a tract lying in a bend in Grand river. The papers bear the name of President Wilson and are the first land patent papers to be filed there in forty years.

W. F. McDaniel, of near Doniphan, has raised the banner one-acre yield of cotton for this or any other state so far as the records show. The number of pounds produced on the one-acre plot of ground was 2,882, and the total sum of money for which the cotton sold was \$129.95. The sum paid out for seed and plowing in the raising of the crop was \$7.50.

A postoffice fight once started is liable to end nobody knows where. Down at Fairview about a year and a half ago the wrangle got so warm that it resulted in a public horsewhipping. The whipper has now sued the whippers for damages in the sum of \$12,000, the case being set for the February term at Neosho.

"Sharp enough to cut a man's throat," is the murderous claim made for their product by two Lowry City horseradish growers.

A burglar alarm really can be alarming. A Galt firm installed an alarm system which notified the members the other night that their store was being robbed. Armed "to the teeth," which may be interpreted that they provided themselves with weapons, the proprietors hastened down town and watched the robbers at work.

Representative Sapp, of Boone county, has filed suit for divorce against his wife who was Miss Ruth Wilson and to whom he was married on December 18 last. He alleges that some nine days after their marriage, his wife gave birth to a son, of which he was not the father and that he had no knowledge of her condition at the time of the marriage.

It is not a matter of politics or the case of being old pals, but a simple matter of business, that the city tax collector of Stanberry calls the attention of his fellows to the fact that taxes must be paid. He adds that if anyone will devise some method whereby taxes can be successfully evaded a fortune can be made with the information.

Missouri University will receive \$65,000 as its collateral inheritance tax from the \$1,800,000 estate of Mrs. Eliza McMillan. This was determined at St. Louis, Thursday, at a conference in the office of Edwin W. Lee, who was appointed by the probate court to appraise the estate, between Mr. Lee and W. K. Bixby, administrator, and lawyers representing the state university and the state auditor's office.

"When is fresh meat fresh?" is a question unsolved at West Plains where a groceryman was arrested on a charge of having sold fresh meat without a city license. The grocer's defense was that he bought fresh meat from the farmers but that he "salted it down" before selling it to his trade and that after being salted it was no longer "fresh meat." The jury in police court found for the defendant and the city attorney says the case will be appealed.

Graham will build a cement road to Maitland this spring according to plans that are now under way. There is now a sum of \$30,000 on hand to use for the work and the Graham people will start to build the road just as soon as the weather will permit. It is two and one-half miles from Graham to Maitland, the nearest railroad point, and when the roadway is completed the Graham folks will be within a short drive of the Maitland depot, for a good hard road divides distance into fractions.

Spencer Grubbs, 18 years old, the son of W. S. Grubbs, a prominent Rothville farmer, was seriously injured Saturday. He undertook to prod a horse out of his way with a pitch fork when the animal kicked, striking the end of the handle with great force through the fleshy part of the left side of his face from his mouth to his eye, fracturing the frontal bone just under the eye. Dr. Ola Putman, who was summoned to dress the injury, found that it was necessary to extract small particles of bone.

Brothers often disagree with each other and, indeed, sometimes come to blows, only to patch up their differences when the smoke of battle has cleared. More than differences remained to patch up, however, when James Parrish and Elwood Parrish of Cooper county had finished their fight for Elwood was "minus an ear, which" had strayed between his brother's teeth. "Two years," said Judge J. B. Slate when James had pleaded guilty, to a charge of mayhem, and, the judge added, "I hope it's at hard labor, too."

Two thrills was Fayette's portion recently when Jordan Collier, a bachelor tinner, died leaving a \$15,000 legacy to the city and it later developed that his partner known locally for forty-three years as "Dan Kelly" was P. D. Collier a brother of the dead man. A second thrill was afforded when the surviving brother made known his intention of making no attempt to break the will by which Jordan Collier distributed some \$18,000 to the city of Fayette, a negro Methodist church and a negro servant.

It was rock throwing time in Howell county from September 6 to December 15, during which period school children might compete for prizes offered by the West Plains Journal, con-

fessed "Oracle of the Ozarks," to those who would throw the greatest number boulders, nigger heads and pebbles from the country highways. The returns are all in and it is found that Edgar Lewey moved 324,569 rocks, thereby qualifying for the first prize. The second prize for boys was given to Verner Hall, who tossed only 838,327 rocks from the roads. Anna White won the girl's prize by throwing an even hundred thousand.

William Millsap, a pioneer of Atchison county, having the distinction of being the first white child born in Atchison county, died Saturday, from a stroke of apoplexy. His father, Callaway Millsap, was the first white man to make a permanent settlement in what is now Clay township, Atchison county and William was the first white child born in the county, an Indian mid-wife being in attendance at the birth. The first death of a white person in the county was in the Millsap family, when Elizabeth Millsap, a sister, was accidentally burned to death in December, 1842. Her burial, on the beautiful ridge overlooking the great Missouri valley, marked the establishment of the first white burying ground—the Millsap cemetery, which is, therefore, almost seventy-four years old.

A number of members of the Clay Life Association held a meeting in Liberty, last Saturday afternoon, to see if steps could be taken to bring court proceedings to set aside the action of the stockholders' meeting two weeks ago which transferred the business of the company to the Protective League of Decatur, Ill. The attorneys who had been looking into the matter said that such proceedings would possibly be successful, but of course could give no definite assurance from the information before them. Some of the members argued that if the transfer could be set aside that they would be no better off as the state department would insist that adjustment of the rates be made at once; others said they did not want to spend money for proceedings unless there developed information that there had been such wrong doing as to make criminal action possible. The meeting adjourned without deciding upon any plan of action, and the members will be called together again if those investigating the matter think wise.—Liberty Advance.

LIP READERS TO BE DREADED
Don't Tell Your Secret in Any Public Place, for a Very Good and Sufficient Reason.
"Don't tell your secrets on the street car or in the theater between acts or in any other public place, not even to your most trusted friend," said the man.
"I never do tell my secrets in public," she returned. "But why this advice?" asked the woman opposite.
"Because somebody is likely to see them."
"See them?"
"Yes. Don't you remember a newspaper story a few months ago to the effect that deaf-mutes who attend moving picture shows complained that the people on the screen did not follow the text of the play, but used coarse, vulgar and often indecent and profane language? These deaf-mutes had learned lip language and knew what those photographed players were saying."
"Well, since then, I hear the film companies have shut down on the bad language, but the story caught the attention of a good many readers and habitual movie patrons have fallen into the way of watching the lip movements and some of them have developed astonishing skill in reading what is said by the silent actors. Of course, they can read the lips of real people just as well, hence my warning."
"Oh, I can't believe there are many such persons."
"Don't take any chances. You'd probably be surprised to know how many people not deaf-mutes have that little accomplishment more or less developed. It seems with some to be a natural gift. I heard a woman tell the other day of a conversation she 'saw' between two friends sitting at the other end of a street car. Now just suppose those friends had been indulging in uncomplimentary remarks about her!"
"It isn't pleasant to think of," she said. "Is there to be no privacy except inside of soundproof walls with no electrical connections? I read somewhere the other day that a man is working on a machine that will catch our thought emanations even when we don't speak. Isn't it awful! And yet if messages can be sent across the world by wireless, is such an invention impossible? You know, one of the objections I have to heaven is that we can't have our thoughts to ourselves up there."
"Well, let's be glad that we can have them to ourselves here for awhile—if we watch out," said the man.—Indianapolis News.

Wisconsin's History.
Wisconsin has from time to time been an annex of various other states. Wisconsin from 1805 to 1809 formed a part of Indiana territory. From 1809 to 1818 Wisconsin was embraced in the territory of Illinois. When Illinois became a state all the country north of it, including Wisconsin, was joined to Michigan. After more than forty years of shifting Wisconsin was admitted into the Union with her present boundaries in 1848.

Her Belief.
Harlow—My wife is too much of an orthodox to suit me.
Barlow—Makes you get up and go to church Sunday morning, eh?
Harlow—No; but judging from her regular raids on my pocketbook she evidently thinks I am made of "dust."

Newspapers for Moros.
The Habar Sing Tau Sug is a new Moro newspaper, published by the Sulu Press of the Moro mission at Zamboanga, P. I. The publication is printed in Arabic and has as its object the uplift of the Moro people among whom it is widely circulated.

Working Under Difficulties.
Raising a vessel submerged in tropical waters is dangerous business, according to an account in Shipping Illustrated of the salvage of a gunboat that had been sunk in the harbor of Progreso, Yucatan. The sailors were in constant danger owing to the attacks of "voracious fishes, some of which are more ferocious than sharks, and far more determined in their method of attacking human prey."

Making Study of the Banana.
The Philippine bureau of agriculture has begun a thorough study of the banana, botanically and commercially, and has collected banana plants from all over the world.

PERSIA'S OLD CAPITAL

TEHERAN A CITY THAT HAS SEEN MANY VICISSITUDES.

Now the Center of Warring Interests That Threaten Its Very Existence—Not an Especially Healthy Place in Summer Months.

The capital of a small buffer state between three clashing empires, the English, Russian and Ottoman empires, Teheran in recent years, and more especially since the outbreak of the great war, has had an importance thrust upon it of a most embarrassing kind, begins a war primer of the National Geographic society. Geographically of greater interest to each of the groups of contending powers than any other neutral capital, Persian Teheran is experiencing insuperable difficulties in keeping its destiny clear of those of the warring giants around it.

Teheran, according to the Persian, is very beautiful, but the praise of his country's capital is seldom supported unreservedly by the westerner; for he finds the Persian city of Shiraz far more beautiful and isfahan the peer of the residence. The capital lies 79 miles south of the Caspian sea, on a plateau of coarse sand and gravel, which is fringed by low, distant hills, and, to the north, by some higher mountains. Mount Damavand is the key to the city's setting, towering in the northeast to a magnificent crest of 19,400 feet high. To the southward stretch level lands, which lose themselves in waste and desert.

The East and West meet and mingle as oil and water in the shah's metropolis. Teheran is, of course, a purely Oriental city, but, like all eastern centers of importance, it has suffered such encroachments from the West as street cars, telegraphs, gas lighting and severely dyed and tailored clothes for men. It is backward in its development and uneven in its improvement. Its Boulevard des Ambassadeurs is more or less of a splendid thoroughfare and it is lined with a European type of shops, two good hotels and a number of fine native palaces. It has one of the largest military parade grounds in the world—550 by 350 yards—roughly paved with strewn cobble stones.

The modern city is not so very old, as it came into existence less than 700 years ago, about the time that ancient Ragha, the crumbling suburb to the south, began to sink into oblivion. Ragha, known in the time of Alexander the Great as Ragae, was the birthplace of Harun al-Rasid, and at one time the golden capital of Parthia. In the days of its supremacy it was as vain and rich and showy as storied Hamadan, the pride of earliest Persia, the city of seven walls in seven colors, with palaces wrought in gold and silver and frescoed with precious stones. Modern Teheran is the inheritor of the traditions and the pride of Ragae and of Hamadan and of the ancient honors of Pasargadae and Persepolis. With the rise of Teheran, Media regained the place that it lost to Persia in the time of Cyrus.

Anarchy has ruled within the capital in a way more or less pronounced during the last several years, and the people of the city have accomplished little toward its modernization and development of its importance as a place of commerce and manufacture. There is an important caravan trade, which passes through Teheran toward the Russian borders, and a certain manufacture of cotton, linen, carpets, shoes and iron products. Its business is enough to give support to a population of about 260,000, in which are included about 600 Europeans.

The climate of Teheran is not a favorable one and especially are the summers unhealthy, when all of the people who can get away go to the foothills in the north. Writing in 1896, a Persian gives a pathetic summary of a Teheran summer. He says that the air was too hot and even smelly, that the water was heavy and unwholesome and, in short, everything so bad that the Angel of Death ran away from it. But, then, this author wrote shortly after a fearful cholera plague had passed over the city. The nearby contrast of the cool summer gardens in the foothills, likely, has conspired to give the Teheran summer a bad standing.

Woman Letter Carriers in Saxony.
Since the war broke out almost two-thirds of the Saxon postal employees have been called to the colors. Lately the mail service became so crippled that the authorities found themselves compelled to suspend the civil service laws and to follow the example of Prussia and other states by employing women as mail carriers. Leipzig and Dresden already have one hundred female "postmen." Most of them are widows or daughters of post office employees who were killed in the different theaters of war. Three of the women act as drivers of large auto mailtrucks.

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BETTY SAW THE LIGHT

YOUNG WIFE'S GREATEST FAULT GENTLY CORRECTED.

Dearest Friend and Wise Husband, in Collaboration, Effected Cure of Habit That is Trying to the Punctual Person.

Up in Betty's lovely rose-colored room Betty was pouring out the story of her happiness—telling it, Betty fashion, in little rainbow-colored fragments, to Katherine Arnold. Katherine had been her dearest friend from college days, when the steady, splendidly-poised junior had taken the lovely harum-scarum little freshman under her wing. She had kept up the "protectorate" through her senior year, and through the three years since. Her own marriage had not changed the friendship, nor had Betty's.

"You see," Betty said, half-whimsically, half in earnest, "I have to have you to steer me by the pitfalls—even though I know of course there couldn't possibly be any pitfall between Jack and me."

"Betty," Katherine asked suddenly, "how about your tardiness? Doesn't that worry Jack?"

Betty blushed—an infinitely becoming process that was quite enough to divert the spectator from serious and, as Betty would say, "scolding" intentions.

"If you have to know," she acknowledged, "Jack did say things two or three times. It was so almost unfair of him—I mean, it would have been unfair if it hadn't been that Jack couldn't possibly be unfair—when it was just because I was trying to make myself pretty for him! We missed the opera once—lost the train by three minutes—but I told Jack I'd rather have an evening with him than the grandest opera that ever was, and we did have the dearest time. But lately, Katherine, I really think Jack must be reforming me, because we haven't been late for ever so long, and we were actually ten minutes early at that Sons of Somebody banquet the other night! Think of it—me early! I told Jack he'd better be careful, or he'd reform me to the other extreme."

"What time did he say the banquet was to be, Betty?" Katherine asked slowly.

"Seventy-three. The cab was to come at six forty-five. Although I think it must have been later than that," Betty added, puzzled.

"Do you remember what time you were to be ready for the Hamilton reception?"

"Nine o'clock, I think. What in the world are you driving at, Kathie? We were in plenty of time."

"Do you know why, Betty? Don't you see? Jack is telling you to be ready half an hour early each time. It is the only way he can be sure of not missing trains and being late for parties."

Betty's eyes widened incredulously; then a flood of shamed color swept across her face. It was very different from her usual rose-leaf blushes. It scorched.

"Katherine Arnold! As if I were a baby, and couldn't be trusted!"

"But could you, dear?" Katherine asked gently.

Betty's pretty lips closed firmly and her small head lifted. "We'll see!" she cried.

At that Katherine smiled. That was what she wanted.—Youth's Companion.

Nature's Horde of Solid Silver.
Recent development at some of the mines of the Cobalt district of Ontario, Canada, has resulted in the production of more of the wonderfully rich silver ores for which the camp was famous during the days of its first working. At the Temiskaming mine there has been found some rock which makes a special record for high value.

A certain six-hundred-pound slab asayed about ten thousand ounces of silver per ton, being therefore about one-third pure silver. There is no gold in the ore, that being one of the general peculiarities of the ores of the Cobalt district.—Popular Science Monthly.

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